

Torrance, California.
October 6th., 1931.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance, was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, October 6th., 1931, and was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Mayor Dennis.

The following Councilmen were present: Councilmen: Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Councilman Steiner moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of September 15th., 1931, be adopted. Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read an application for permission to operate a dance hall at 1951 Carson Street. The applicant, Mr. Arthur E. Glass, 1930 Morgan, Redondo Beach, California, was present and requested a license to the first of the year. As the Ordinance calls for a yearly license, Councilman Nelson moved request for license to first of the year be denied. Councilman Bell seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. Councilman Bell then moved that Mr. Glass's request for license for one year be granted. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Principal of Walteria School wherein attention was called that the police protection which was formerly enjoyed in Walteria, had been discontinued and requesting reassignment of an officer to this district.

Councilman Smith moved this request be referred to the Police Department. Councilman Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Board of Education dated September 18th., 1931, addressed to F. R. Leonard, City Engineer, regarding the proposed construction of sanitary sewers, street paving, sidewalks and curbs, affecting the Fern Avenue School site, stating that these improvements would be deferred pending Torrance Charter Election. No action was taken in this matter.

Clerk Bartlett read two communications from Law Offices of O'Melveny, Tuller & Myers, dated September 17th., 1931, confirming verbal agreement of compensation in regard to the \$400,000.00 Water Bond case and requesting a resolution authorizing payment of this compensation.

Councilman Nelson moved these communications be referred to the City Attorney and that a resolution be drawn setting forth amount of compensation for services in the above case.

Councilman Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Clifford F. Reid,

Inc., under date of September 22, 1931, requesting a hearing with the Council with reference to matter of maintaining shrubbery, etc., at Hollywood Riviera.

Councilman Nelson suggested that they be invited to attend the next regular meeting.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from Charles T. Rippy, Chairman, Board of Freeholders, requesting an extension of 60 days time in preparing the Charter for the government of the City of Torrance. Councilman Smith moved the extension of time to December 12, 1931, be granted for filing proposed Charter with the Council. Councilman Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a Resolution from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, under date of October 6, 1931, requesting the City Council of Torrance to take immediate preliminary steps to present to the property owners, in the so-called Vista Highlands District, the approximate costs of such proposed public improvements, which the territory is lacking.

Councilman Smith moved the matter be referred to the City Engineer to be brought up at the next regular meeting.

Councilman Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the County of Los Angeles, Director Employment Stabilization, under date of October 3, 1931, wherein attention is called to the organization for municipal activities relative to unemployment.

Councilman Steiner moved City Clerk be authorized to establish Department of Registration of the unemployed in the City of Torrance.

Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Nelson called attention to the unsightly condition of the vacant cigar store at corner of Cabrillo and Gramercy. Clerk Bartlett stated this store was to be taken care of this week.

Councilman Nelson called attention to the weeds growing on the Santa Fe right of way along Madrid Avenue and suggested that an effort be made to have this right of way cleaned up. The City Engineer was directed to communicate with the railroad company and endeavor to get action in this matter.

Councilman Nelson moved that the electric and plumbing inspections be transferred to the Engineer's office effective November 1st, 1931.

Councilman Bell seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bell, Nelson, Smith and Dennis. NOES: COUNCILMAN: Steiner. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

City Attorney Findley reported regarding suit on validity of Water Bonds that plaintiff had filed brief on the demurrer supposed to be argued September 15th., 1931, and our attorneys will file answer in next ten days. After this we will have to wait decision of the court on demurrer.

Prairie Avenue proceedings, City Attorney Findley reported service had been made on General Petroleum Corporation and Dominguez Estates Company and that time to answer complaint had been extended to October 15th., 1931. He stated that Dominguez Estates Company had guaranteed title to this land to General Petroleum Corporation and would have to reimburse said Company for any land taken for road purposes. He also stated that he had arranged to confer with attorneys for Dominguez Estates Company in an effort to settle this matter out of court if possible.

Regarding removal of oil derrick on Acacia Street, South Torrance, City Attorney reported that he had conferred with Mr. Frank Ring of the Ring Petroleum Company owner of the well and Mr. Frank Ring of this Company assured him the premises would be cleared up in the near future.

At this time Councilman Nelson was excused.

Attorney Findley read

ORDINANCE NO. 226.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING IMPROVEMENT TO BE MADE AS CALLED FOR IN ORDINANCE OF INTENTION NUMBER 224, TO-WIT, THE WIDENING OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD AND A PORTION OF HAWTHORNE AVENUE IN SAID CITY.

Councilman Bell moved that Ordinance No. 226 be adopted.

Councilman Steiner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bell, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Nelson.

Councilman Steiner moved that the proposition as submitted by the Pacific Electric Railway Company in a letter dated August 29, 1931, regarding proposed paving in and relocation of Pacific Electric tracks in Cabrillo Avenue, unused right of way in Redondo Avenue and other matters, be accepted.

Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bell, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Nelson.

Councilman Bell introduced and City Attorney Findley read

ORDINANCE NO. 227.

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE OBSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC STREETS AND REGULATING PUBLIC MEETINGS IN PUBLIC STREETS AND PARKS.

Councilman Smith had received a request from the Fire Department for some new fire hose and moved that the City Clerk advertise for bids for 700 feet of 2-1/2" Standard Double Jacket Hose and 300 feet of 1-1/2" Standard Double Jacket Hose.

Councilman Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Smith read report covering gasoline and oil used by the various departments of the City of Torrance.

Councilman Steiner reported street work progressing.

Clerk Bartlett called attention to the fact that the roof on the Jail Building is leaking.

Councilman Steiner moved that warrants, be drawn, for all bills, properly audited.

Councilman Bell seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bell, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Nelson.

Councilman Steiner moved meeting be adjourned.

Councilman Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 P. M.

A. H. Bancroft
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

John Dennis
Mayor of the City of Torrance.